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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: **Assistant Commissioner for Patents**

Washington, D.C. 20231

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 36-94:

36. (New) Dispensing assembly comprising;

- a carton having a dispensing flap in a side wall thereof, said flap having top and side edges, and a liner therein filled with product and sealed;
- said filled liner being bonded to said side wall adjacent said dispensing up and to said flap along a weaken tear line corresponding to the top and side edges of said dispensing flap without breaking-the-seal of said liner whereby upon initial opening of said flap that portion of the liner bonded thereto separates along said weakened tear line providing access to the contents of said carton

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